

## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON GREAT LAKES AND ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

Representative Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Griffin, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Robertson, Palmer, Emmons, Moolenaar, Walker and Meekhof.

Representative Ebli moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Miller moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4703 before the committee.

**HB 4703 Byrnes** State symbol; northern spring peeper; designate as the official state amphibian.

Representative Byrnes testified in support of HB 4703.

Ron Tindall, representing the Klager Elementary School, testified in support of HB 4703.\*

Gwen Nystuen, representing herself, testified in support of HB 4703.\*

David Allen, representing himself, testified in support of HB 4703.

Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club, submitted a card in support of HB 4703, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid HB 5065, HB 5066, HB 5067, HB 5068, HB 5069, HB 5070, HB 5071, HB 5072 and HB 5073 before the committee.

**HB 5065 McDowell** Water; conservation; water withdrawals and water diversions; regulate.

<b>HB 5066 Meadows</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify certain registration and reporting requirements and require conservation measures.
<b>HB 5067 Brown</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; enhance enforcement.
<b>HB 5068 Coulouris</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawal; regulate.
<b>HB 5069 Warren</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide for a water withdrawal assessment tool.
<b>HB 5070 Sak</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; modify authority for water users committees and local ordinances.
<b>HB 5071 Corriveau</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; require evaluation of certain proposed waterworks systems.
<b>HB 5072 Valentine</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; regulate bottled water facilities.
<b>HB 5073 Kathleen Law</b>	Water; conservation; water withdrawals; provide department of environmental quality with rule-making authority.

John Bollman, representing the Legislative Service Bureau, explained changes in the water use package.

The committee returned to the consideration of HB 4703.

Representative Valentine moved to report out HB 4703 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-1-4.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Warren, Donigan, Ebli, Kathleen Law, Leland, Meadows, Miller, Valentine, Emmons and Walker,

**Nays:** Representative Palmer,

**Pass:** Representatives Griffin, Robertson, Moolenaar and Meekhof.

**HB 4703 reported out with recommendation.**

The committee returned to the consideration of the water use package.

Frank Ruswick, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, testified in support of the water use package.

Bryan Burroughs, representing Trout Unlimited of Michigan, testified in support of the water use

package.\*\*

Doug Darling, representing Darling Farms, testified in opposition to the water use package.

Jim Spink, representing the Jackson County Farm Bureau, testified in opposition to the water use package.

Larry Walton, representing Walton Farms, testified in opposition to the water use package.

The committee went at ease at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Warren adjourned the committee from the House Floor.

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Representative Rebekah Warren, Chair

Ben Cook  
Committee Clerk  
February 27, 2008  
1 hour 30 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed

\* indicates written materials attached to report out file.

\*\* indicates written material submitted.